GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5302
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TOBACCO GROWERS REGISTERED WITH TOBACCO BOARD
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tobacco growers from each State registered with the Tobacco Board ;

(b) whether large quantity of tobacco is being grown by the farmers who have not registered themselves with the Tobacco Board;

(c) if so, whether any estimate has been made about the quantity grown by such farmers; and

(d) if so, the estimated quantity of tobacco being grown in the different States by these unregistered farmers ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : The number of tobacco growers registered with the Tobacco Board from each State is given below :-

Andhra Pradesh	Maharashtra	Orissa	Karnataka
44443	60	126	18123

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : Estimated quantity of tobacco grown without registration during 1999-2000 season in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra & Orissa and 2000-2001 season in Karnataka is as under :-

(In million kgs.)

Andhra Pradesh	Maharashtra	Orissa	Karnataka
11.662	-	0.084	11.140